

Introduction to Theater Support Commands

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JMC - On the Line



TSC- What is it?

- ✓ TSC is a multifunctional support headquarters that works at the operational level and maintains links to strategic and tactical level support organizations.
- ✓ When a TSC deploys it reports to the ARFOR CDR
- ✓ Key Tasks:
 - Distribution!
 - Logistics and Personnel Support
 - Movement and mobility
 - C2 and Force Protection



TSC MISSION

Mission: Maximize throughput and follow-on sustainment of Army forces and other supported elements regardless of the scale of operations. For throughput of forces, establish distribution system before forces arrive. Provides area support to the operational level forces in AO and overall sustainment to Army forces. May include interim tactical level support. Also executes lead service common user logistic support functions as assigned by ARFOR CDR.



LEVELS OF WAR

- Strategic-War
- Operational-Campaign
- Tactical-Battles/Engagements/Actions



Levels of Logistics

Strategic Level

- Mobilization
- Requirements Determination
- Acquisition
- Prepositioning
- Strategic Mobility
- Reconstitution
- Demobilization

✓ **Links the nations economic base to military operations**
✓ **AMC, DLA, GSA, JMC**

Operational Level

- Reception of Army Forces
- Positioning Facilities
- Management/Redeployment of Units and Soldiers
- Distribution Management
- Reconstitution of ARFOR Capabilities

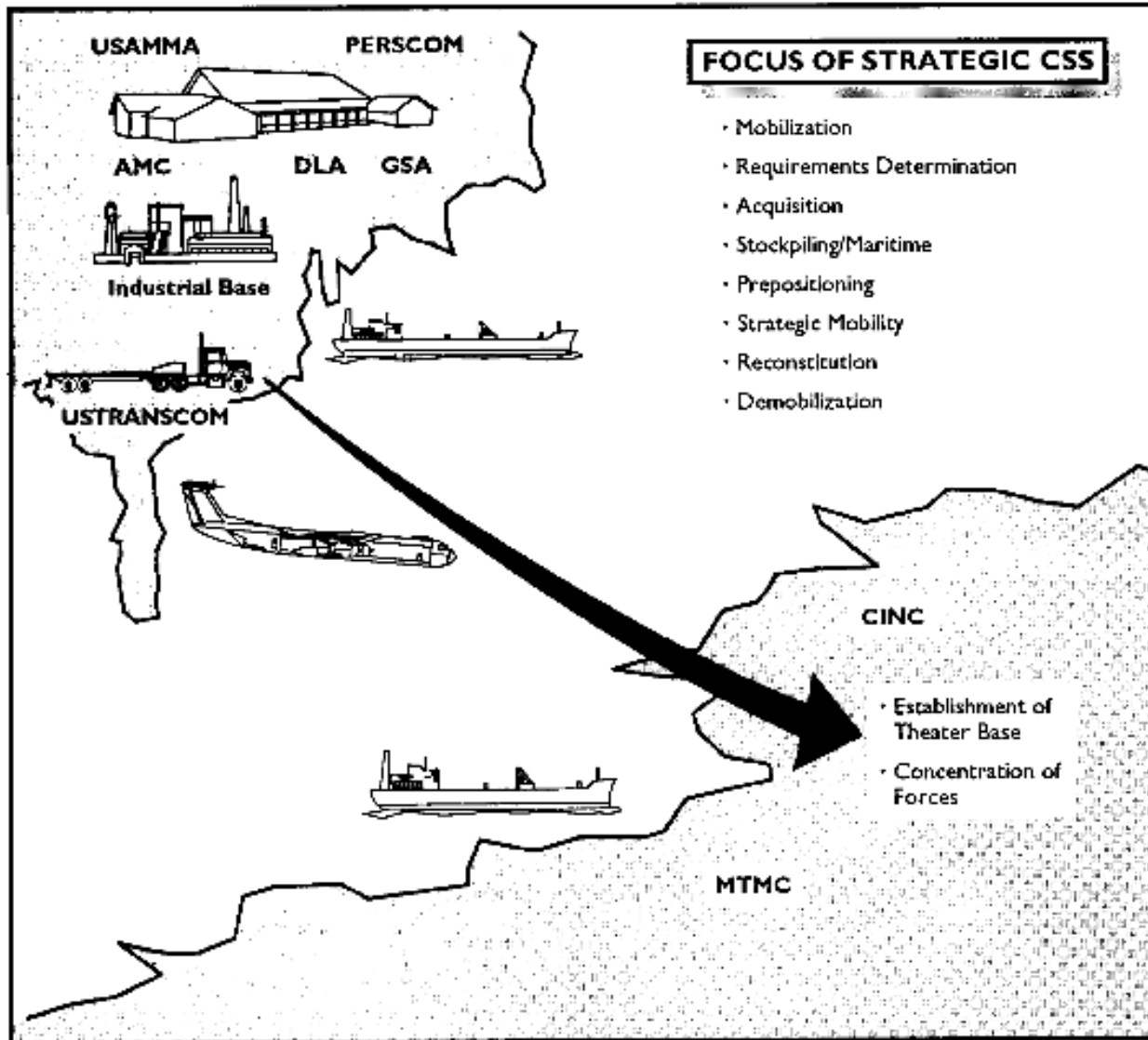
✓ **Links the strategic and tactical levels**
✓ **Identify requirements to strategic level and coordinate distribution**
✓ **Look forward to tactical level to ensure requirements are met.**
✓ **TSC, AFSC, LSE, ASG**

Tactical Level

- Man
- Arm
- Fuel
- Fix
- Move
- Sustain the Soldier and His Systems

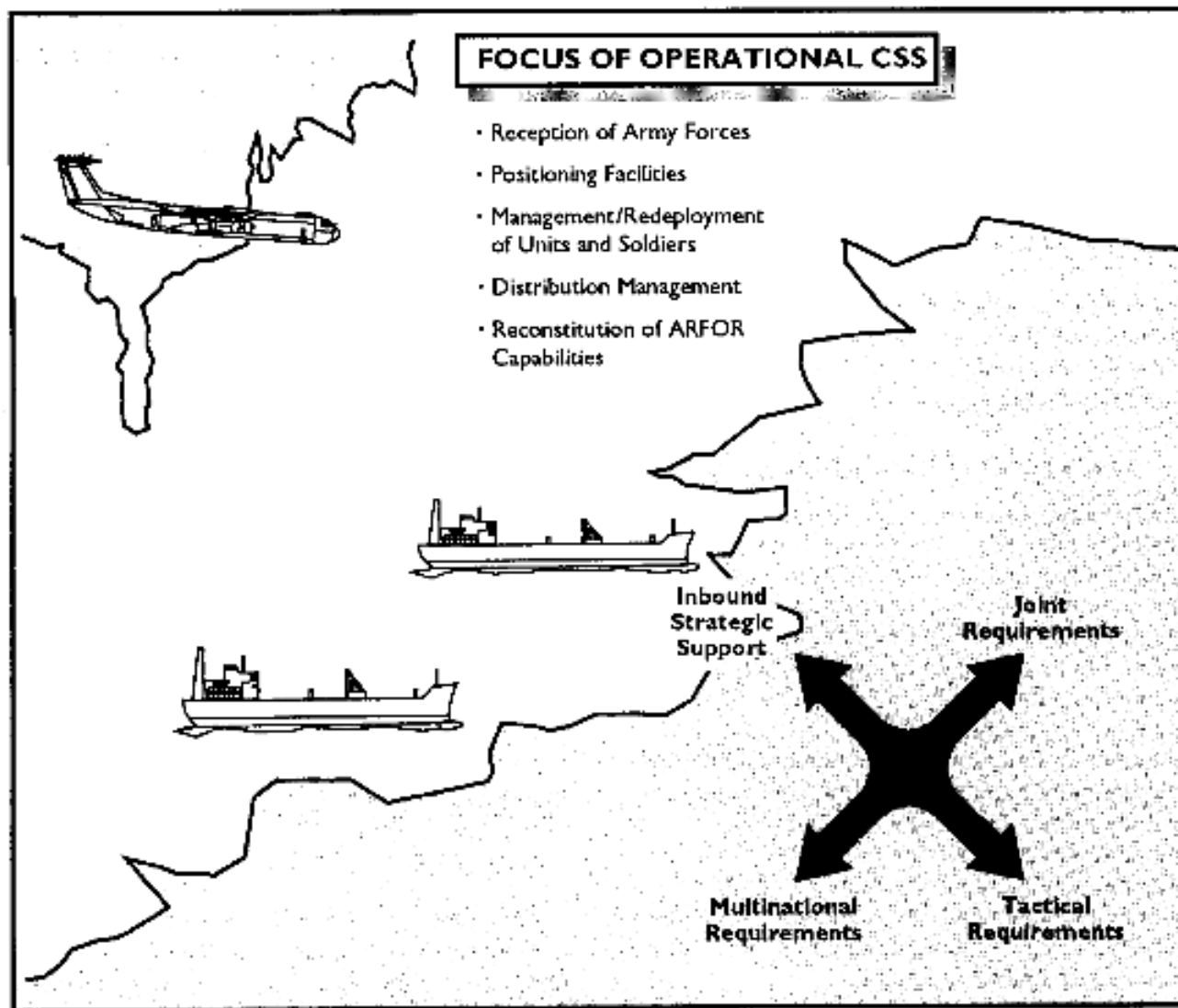
✓ **Comprises all activities necessary to support battles and engagements**
✓ **COSCOM / DISCOM**

Strategic Logistics





Operational Logistics





Who Does The TSC Work W

National Level Organizations

AMC

DLA/DCMA

TRANSCOM

Army/Theater Specialized Commands

TRANSCOM

MEDCOM

PERSCOM

ENCOM

FINCOM



Who Else Do They Work With

Theater Specialized Sub-Commands

Ammo Bns/Groups and EOD

Petroleum Group

Water Supply

NBC

MPs

Civil Affairs

Area Support Groups

**Multi-Functional Supply, Trans,
Maint, Avn**

Maint

Rear Operations Center

Incorporates

LOGCAP

Host Nations Support



Types or Phases of Operation

Deployment

RSOI:

Coordinate reception capabilities

**Establish and operate staging areas
or bases**

**Modular Elements with Minimum
capabilities:**

**TFOP (Theater Force Opening
Package)**

EEM (Early Entry Module)

Coordinate with national level

**Assess/acquire HN infrastructure and
contracts**



Actions in Phases of Operat

Employment

Sustainment:

Operational level to theater

Tactical level in TSC AO

DS/GS Distribution to theater and pass through units

Tactical Distribution to TSC units

Reconstitution

Regeneration



Types or Phases of Operation

Redeployment

Move forces to Assembly Areas

Reconstitution of units

**Activate Redeployment Assemble
Areas**

Disposition of excess property

Prepare items for shipment

Coordinate with APS and AMC LSE.



Types or Phases of Operation

Planning

**TSC writes ARFOR Service Support
OPLAN/OPORD
or Service Support Annex to the ARFOR
OPLAN/OPORD**

**TSC writes orders directing internal
functions**

**In peacetime TSC develops detailed
OPLANS while
conducting sustainment operations.**



TSC in the Theater of Operations

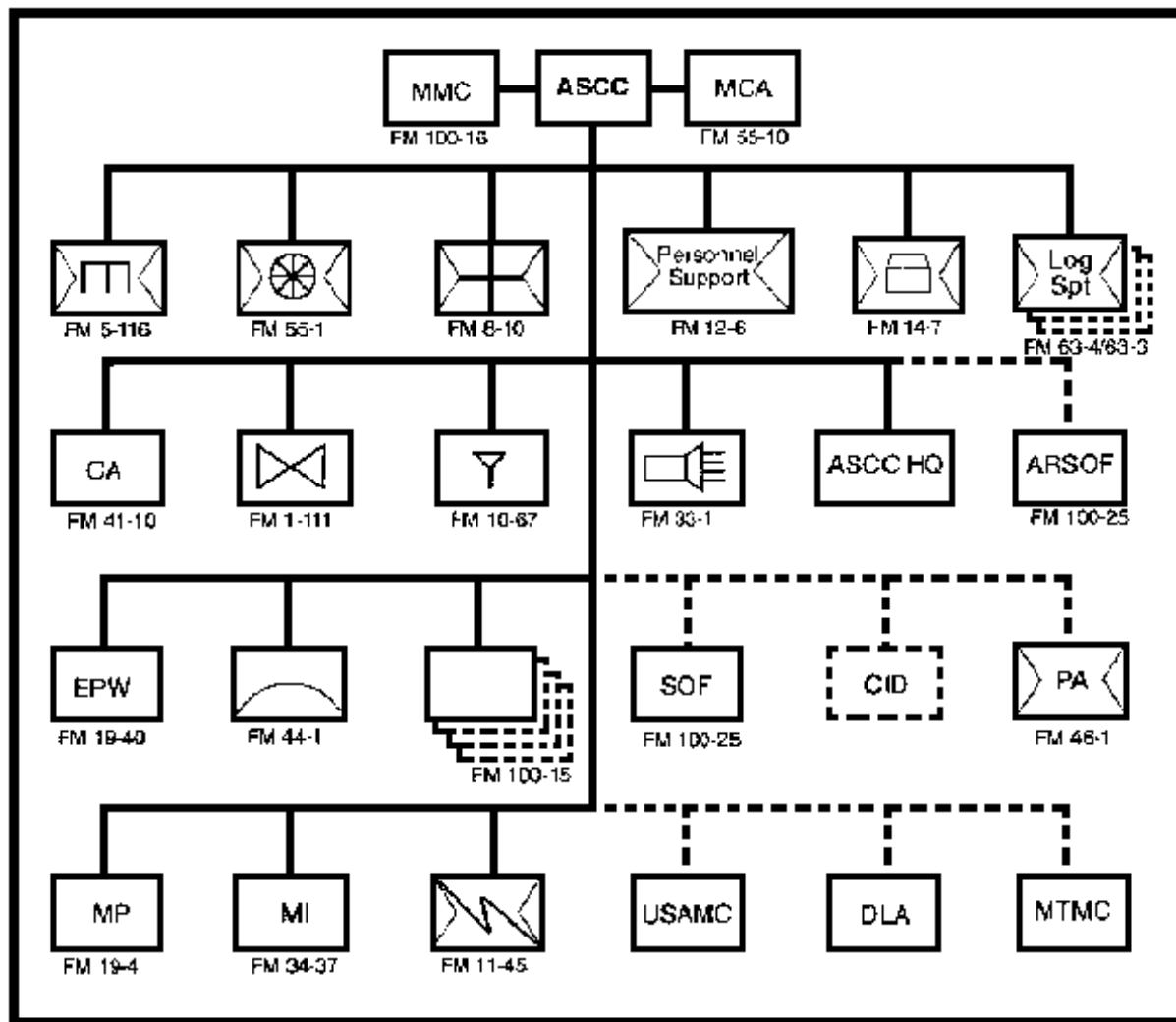
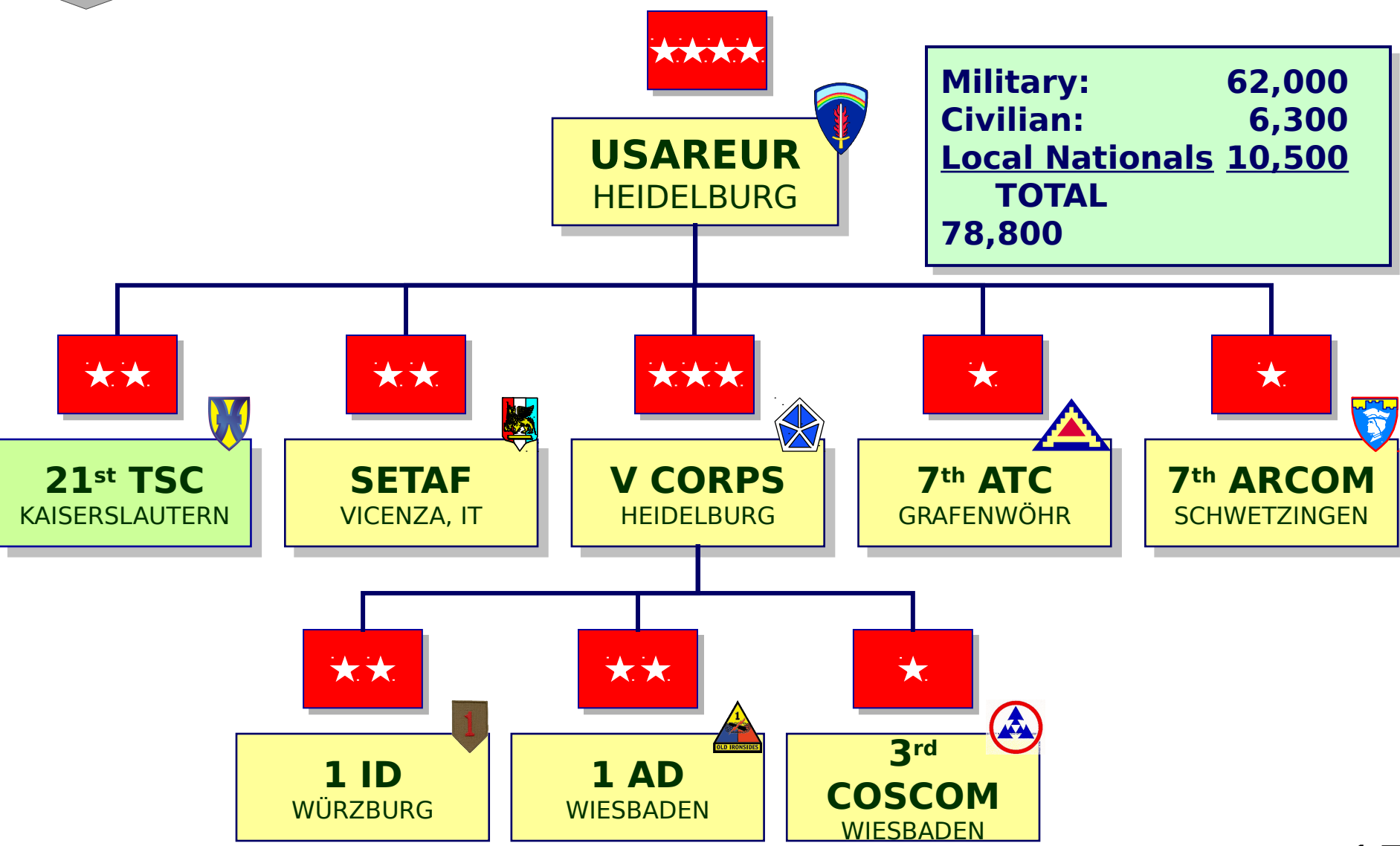


Figure A-1. Army Service Component Command Capabilities and Functions.



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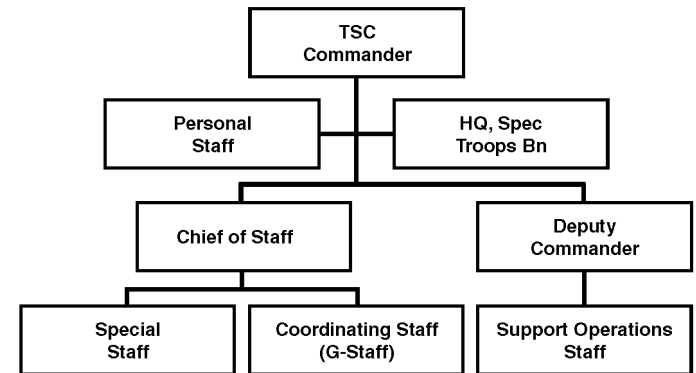
TSC ORGANIZATION

TSC is organized with the C/S controlling the G-Staff and the Deputy Cdr controlling the Support Operations

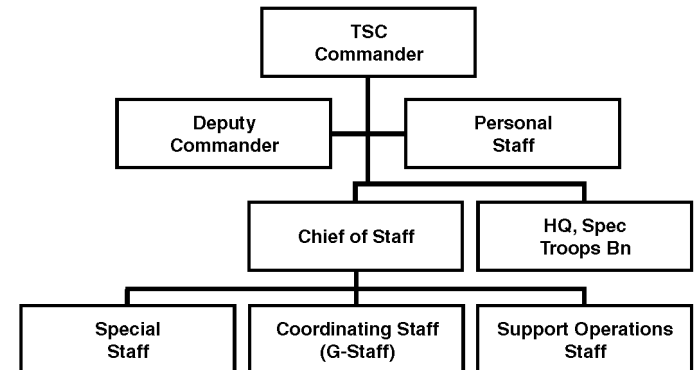
OR

on with the Chief of Staff controlling all staff

Coord is key in either approach and Spt Ops is focal point for mission ops



TSC Staff Organization: Option 1



TSC Staff Organization: Option 2

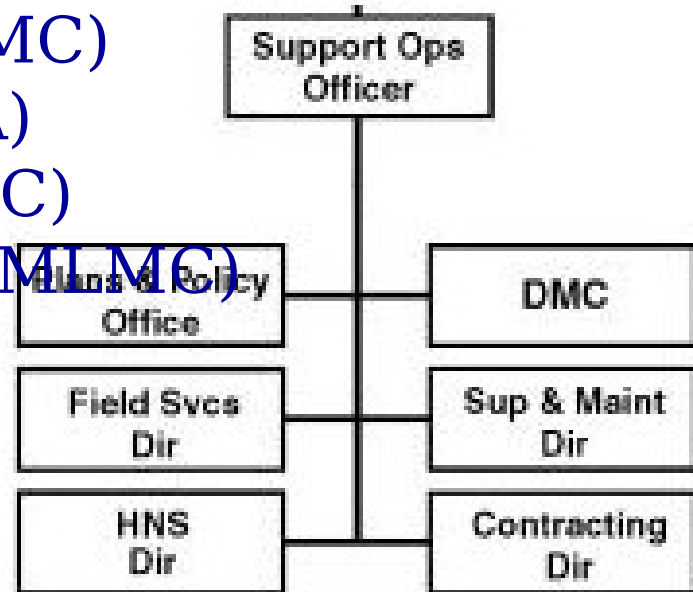


Support Operations

Distribution Mgmt Center (DMC)
Mvmt Control Agency (MCA)
Materiel Mgmt Center (MMC)
Coord w/ MedLogMgmtCtr (MLMC)

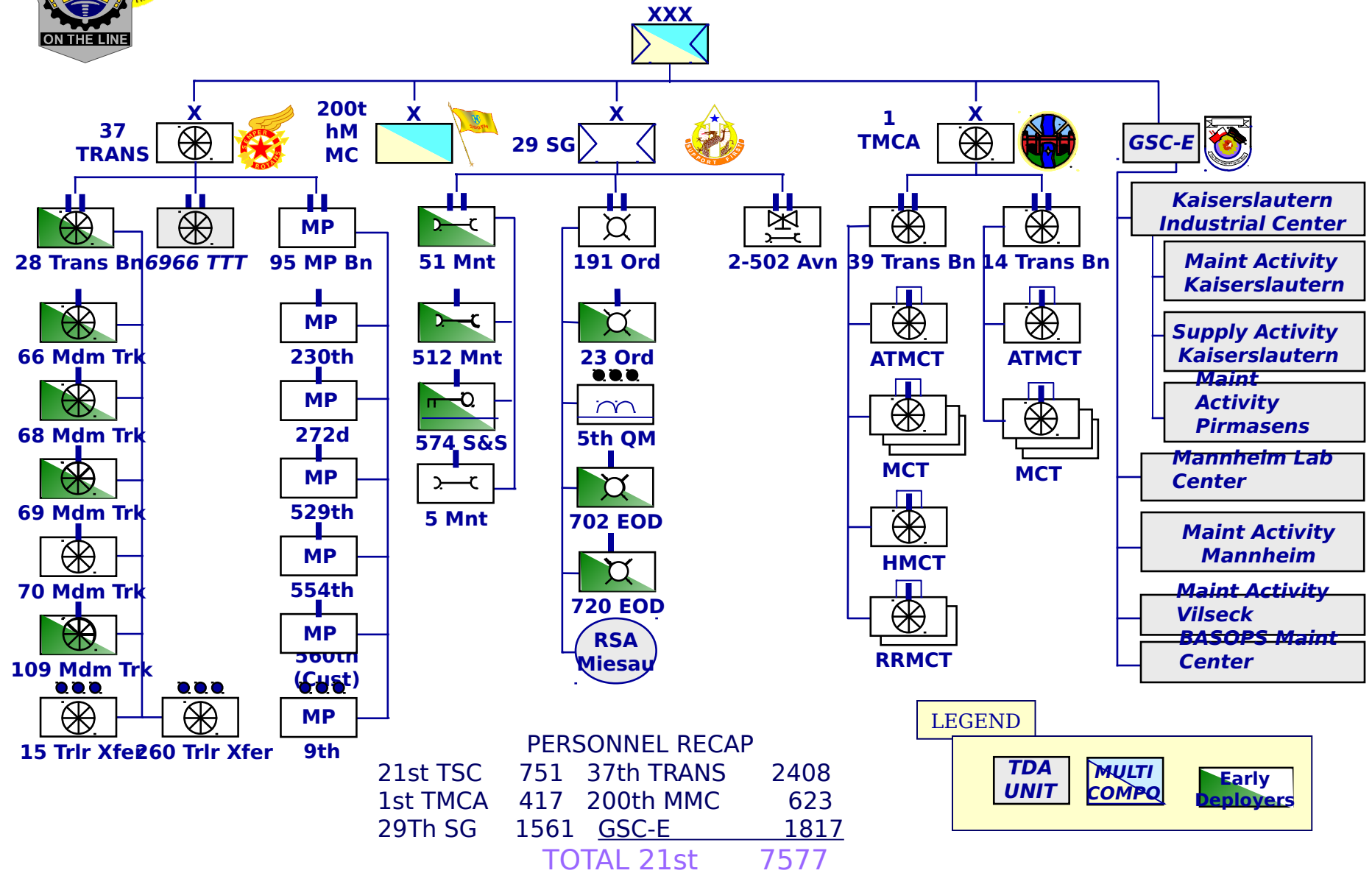
Field Services Directorate
Aerial Delivery
Mortuary Affairs
Water
Laundry and Bath
Force Provider

Host Nation Support Directorate
Coordinates all HNS





TSC Mission Structure





ASG Mission Structure

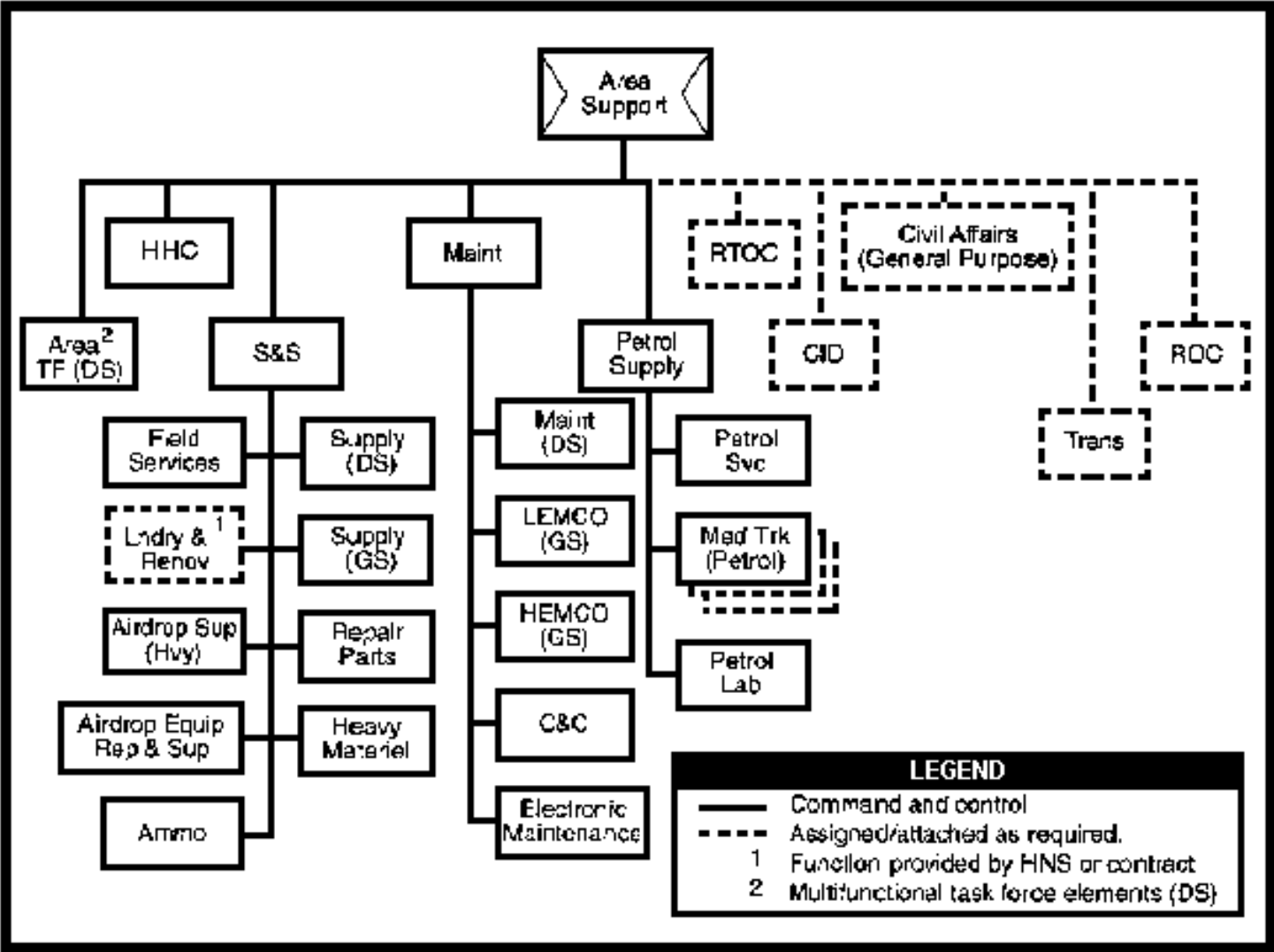
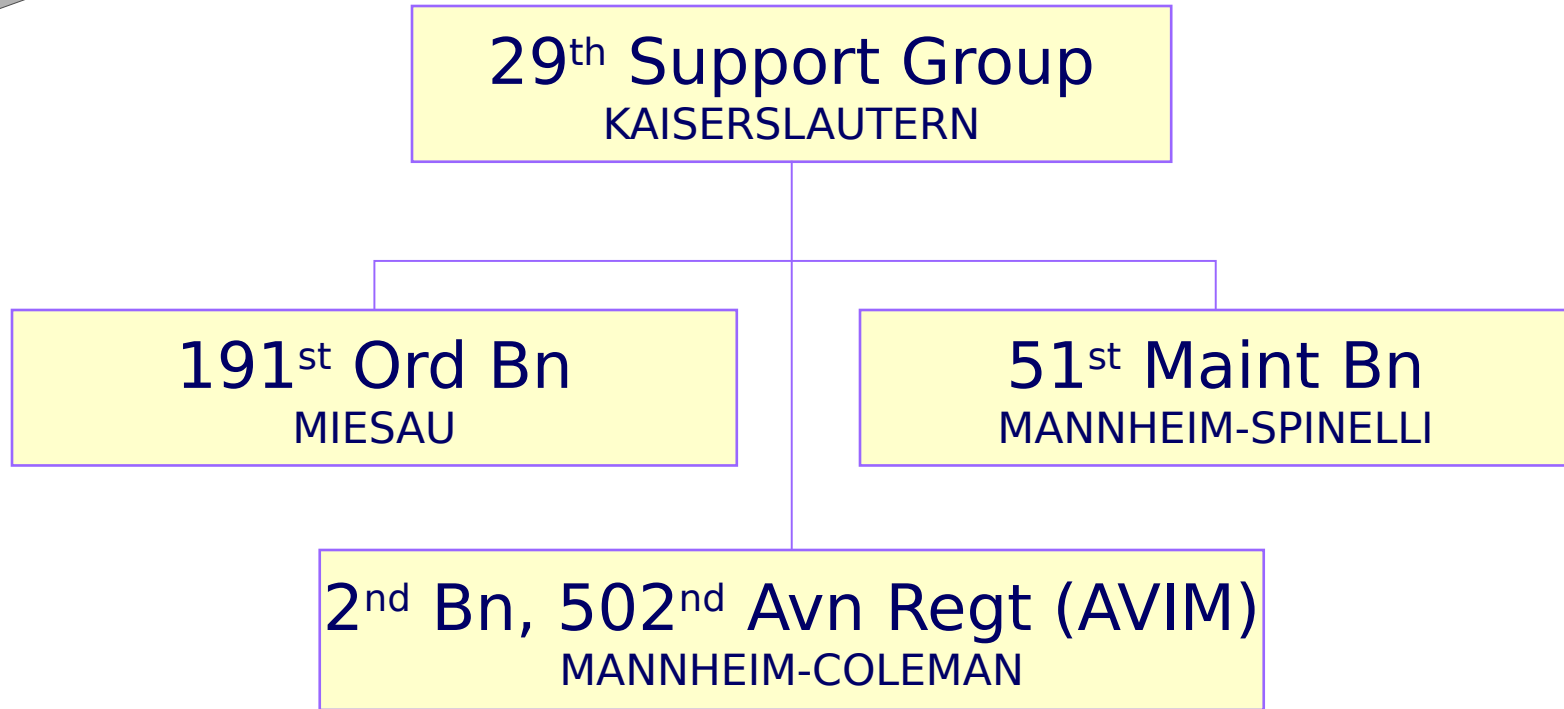


Figure A-7. Operational-Level Logistics Area Support Function.



Spt Grp Structure in 21st TS





Questions?

The TSCs have been in place for several years. If you have questions about TSC doctrine you can refer to FM 4-93.4 or get in touch with me.